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Meeting of Experts on Strengthening the Capacity
and Expanding Exports of Developing Countries
in the Services Sector: Health Services
Geneva, 16-18 June 1997
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

I. Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. International trade in health services: difficulties and opportunities for developing countries

4. Adoption of the report.

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1 - Election of officers

It is recommended that the expert meeting elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the meeting is in section I above. The schedule of meetings for the three days is attached to this document.

Item 3 - International trade in health services: difficulties and opportunities for developing countries

The Expert Meeting will have before it a background note prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat entitled "International trade in health services: difficulties and opportunities for developing countries" (TD/B/COM.1/EM.1/2). This document addresses (a) the structural changes which have been taking place in the health services sector in both developed and developing countries and the opportunities presented for increased international trade in health services, including for developing countries; (b) how trade in health services is being carried out through the four modes of supply identified in GATS Article I, i.e. movement of natural persons as suppliers, movement of consumers, commercial presence and cross-border trade, as well as the developmental implications of trade under each mode and the barriers facing such trade; (c) the strategies used by selected governments and enterprises to increase their participation in world trade in health services; and (d) the possibilities that increased trade in health services may, under certain conditions, not only provide export income but also serve to strengthen the national health service sector, noting that the acceptable limits to competition on social grounds are probably more pertinent in the case of trade in health services than for other service sectors.

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Item 4 - Adoption of the report of the Meeting

The Expert Meeting will adopt its recommendations/findings/conclusions at the end of the Meeting. The final report will be compiled under the authority of the Chairman after the conclusion of the Meeting.

Schedule of the meeting

Monday 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June
10 a.m. **Plenary:** Director opening Elections/Agenda **Informals:** items 3	10 a.m. **Informals (cont'd)** items 3	10 a.m. **Informals (cont'd)** Consideration of draft text of recommendations or conclusions
3 p.m. **Informals (cont'd):** item 3	3 p.m. **Informals (cont'd):** item 3	3 p.m. **Informals (cont'd)** Consideration of draft text of recommendations or conclusions (cont'd) **Plenary** (closing) Adoption of recommendations or conclusions